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HISTORICAL NOTES.

THE GRAVE OF COL. WILLIAM WASHINGTON.

(Contributed by Henry A. M. Smith.)

Col. William Washington, the noted cavalry commander in the American army during the Revolutionary War with Great Britain, died 16th March, 1810, at Sandy Hill plantation, in St. Paul's Parish, South Carolina. Towards the end of the war, in 1782, he married Miss Jane Riley Elliott, who acquired the Sandy Hill plantation under the will of her father, Charles Elliott, of Sandy Hill, who died in 1781. Col. Washington, after his marriage, became a planter in St. Paul's Parish, and made his home at Sandy Hill, where it was that he entertained his kinsman, George Washington, then President of the United States, on his journey from Charleston to Savannah in May, 1791.

Col. Washington was buried at the old Elliott private cemetery, in St. Paul's Parish, situated but a comparatively short distance from the scene of his first conflict with the British cavalry, under Lieut. Col. Banastre Tarleton, in March, 1780, when a sharp cavalry encounter took place between the two commands, near the bridge over Rantowle's Creek.

The cemetery is not upon the Sandy Hill plantation. It is about seven miles distant from that plantation upon another plantation, which his wife acquired from her father, known as "Live Oak." The cemetery is about 10 miles from Charleston, on the road to Savannah.

Immediately after crossing the public bridge over Rantowle's Creek, going toward the south, and before reaching the turn of the road where it divides, the road to the left going to the bridge over Wallace's Creek, another road to the right going to Parker's Ferry, the cemetery can be seen to the right of the road in a field, and about a quarter of a mile from the road. It is enclosed with a low brick wall enclosing an area of about 30 or 40 feet square.

The widow of Col. Washington survived him for 20

years, and died 14th December, 1830, and was also interred in the private cemetery.

The following gravestones were still in existence in this cemetery in March, 1899:

Here lies the Body
of Sarah Stanyarne
wife of
Archibald Stanyarne
who died 27th of October
1767 Aged 25 years

Sacred to the Memory
of
Mary Rowand
Wife of Robert Rowand
who departed this life April 3^d
1802 aged 67 years
also of
Henrietta Sommers Rowand
& Robert Rowand children of
Charles Elliott & Henrietta Rowand
the former born Oct^r 16th 1797
& died Sept^r 23^d 1799
the latter born April 10th 1801
& died July 24th 1801
This frail memorial of Respect &
Affection was erected by her son
Charles Elliott Rowand

To
our Parents
William and Martha
Washington
Died in Charleston A. D. 1830

My Parents Dear Lie Here
J. A.

In Memory
of
John Williamson
Cp^t of Ordnance United States Army
who died the 23^d day of Dec^r 1849
aged 43 years and 8 months
This stone is erected by his Wife
who with Four Children survive
to mourn their loss.

Sacred
to the memory of
William Washington
who departed this life
August 20th 1849
Aged 39 years
and 5 months

Sacred
to the memory of
William
infant Son of
William & Theodosia Narcissa
Washington
who departed this life
on the 21st of August 1845.

Col. William Washington left two children, a son, William, who died in 1830, and a daughter, Jane, who married James Hasell Ancrum.

The family information is that the stone slab marked simply "My Parents Dear Lie Here," with the initials below, "J. A.", was placed by Mrs. Ancrum to mark the spot where her parents were interred.

THE POWDER MAGAZINE.—The following reference to the old powder magazine on lot 180 of the original plan of Charles Town is from the journal of His Majesty's Council for South Carolina, sitting as the upper house of the General Assembly of the Province, of Thursday, February 26, 1740-41:

Read the Petition of Ralph Izard, Nathaniel Broughton and Paul Mazÿck, Esq^r, setting forth that the Public had Built a Magazine on their Lott (180) by w^{ch}: Means the said Lott and four others Adjoining thereto belonging to them were Intirely Renderd useless, and therefore, praying that they may be Reliev'd in the Premises and Refferd the same to the Commons House.

MARRIAGE OF COL. WILLIAM RHETT.—The following note, which has been contributed by Mr. E. Lowndes Rhett, of New York, is of interest as fixing the exact date of the marriage of Col. William Rhett, an account of whose descendants will be found in volume four, 1903, of this magazine.

Netteswell Rectory
Harlow, Essex
Mar 2. 1909.

I certify that in the old Register of this Parish, now in my charge, I find the following under the heading—"the Register follows for the year 1692."

"William Rhitt [the *i* may be an *e*] & Sarah Cooke, both of Buontwood [as well as I can make out the word] in the County of Essex, were marry'd the first day of September."

The entries are signed:

"Henry Sanders, Rector
"William Laybank, church warden."

Chas. J. Ward, B. D.,
Rector of Netteswell.

"Buontwood" is plainly Brentwood, in Essex, England.